

<u>Iver Village Junior School</u> <u>School Travel Policy</u>

Article 29 – children have the right to education which tries to develop their respect for the environment.

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We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as they:

- · keeps us fit and healthy
- helps our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
- helps keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion
- develops life skills that everyone should be able to benefit from

What we do

- We use Modeshift STARS to update and monitor our school travel plan
- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our noticeboard, displays, newsletter and website at http://www.ivervillage-jun.bucks.sch.uk/school-news/category/ivis-eco-schools
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or scoot for the journey to school. To support this we provide:
 - Cycle training (Bikeability)
 - Cycle parking
 - Scooter parking
 - o Park and Stride
- Local school trips are made on foot if the destination is close by
- We let all new pupils and their parents/carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school before the child starts at our school via our school website

What we ask of parents/carers.

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible
- Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic
- Provide your child(ren) with a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike or scooter and that they know how to use it
- Ensure you have appropriate insurance cover for your child(ren)'s bicycle or scooter
 as the school is not liable for any loss or damage to cycles or scooters on the
 premises or being used on the way to or from school

We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school.

- Where a car must be used we ask parents/carers to drive only part of the way, and drop their child(ren) off away from the school (The Iver Recreation Park) so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted
- We have a designated park & stride site at The Iver Recreation Car Park
- If you do have to drive your child(ren) and stop in the near vicinity please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and local residents
- It is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residential driveways for any period of time.
- Please use the SCHOOL PARKING bay at the front of the school to drop off and pick up your children try not to park in this bay for any length of time keep it clear for all of our Parents.

Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school is for the parent(s) or carer(s) to make. The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.

What we ask of pupils

- Ask your parents/carers if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school- even if it is for part
 of the way
- Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light whether walking, scooting, cycling or using public transport
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- Push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- Wear a cycle helmet
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing
- Make sure you have a lock for your bike or scooter and that you use it

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